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COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. KIYOSHI ITO, SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISON , UNITED NATIONS
BUREAU, FONOFF, TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOJ DELEGATION TO SUBJECT PREPCOM
NOT YET DECIDED. TENTATIVELY, HOWEVER, ITO IDENTIFIED MINISTER
AKIRA KURIYAMA (JAPANESE EMBASSY, OSLO) AS PROBABLE HEAD OF
JAPANESE DELEGATION. PROF. KO KUSUNOKI, HEAD, RESEARCH DIVISION,
NATIONAL INSTTUTE OF POLAR RESEARCH, ALSO VERY LIKELY TO ATTEND.
GOJ DELEGATION WILL BE FINALLY SELECTED IN EARLY OCTOBER, ITO
EXPLAINED. NUMBER OF DELEGATES NOT NOW KNOW ITO SAID, ADDING
SCIENCE ATTACHE AT GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MORE LIKELY TO
GO THAN ITO HIMSELF.

2. ITO REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WHO MIGHT ATTEND
PREPCOM FROM US. THIS IMPORTANT TO GOJ IN DECIDING LEVEL OF ITS
DELEGATION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF ITO'S EXPECTATION THAT EIGHTH
CONSULTATIVE MEETING, AND PERHAPS PREPCOM AS WELL, LIKELY TO HAVE
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HEATED DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ISSUES OF EXPLOITATION OF ANARCTIC

RESOURCES AND POSSIBLE REVISION OF ANTARCTIC TREATY.

3. ITO ADDED THAT GOJ DELEGATION TO EIGHT CONSULTATIVE MEETING
LIKELY WOULD BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR YAMANAKA (GOJ EMBASSY, OSLO),
WITH DR. TAKESHI NAGATA, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF POLAR
RESEARCH, AS ALTERNATE HEAD. MINISTER KURIYAMA WOULD PROBABLY
ATTEND ALSO, ITO SAID.

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